

Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The regular meeting of the Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club was called to order at 6:30 pm on March 20, 2014 by President Marty Smith. After the invocation by Donna Stearns, members enjoyed dinner at Maria Parham Medical Center.

Members present were Marty Smith, Kathy Taylor, Marsha Abbott, Bernice Barchan, June Blanks, Michelle Evans, Donna Stearns, Diane White, and Maria Bailey. We also enjoyed the company of our guest speaker, Pam Hester representing Henderson-Vance Downtown Development Center.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was introduced by Kathy Taylor. Mrs. Pam Hester serves as the Main Street Manager for the Henderson-Vance Downtown Development Center. She has worked in retail, business management, and human services. She has a passion for improving the perception of Vance County and the Henderson Downtown area. Her approach to begin this process includes organization, promotions, design and economic restructuring.

The Henderson-Vance Downtown Development Center has a board that consists of city officials, county officials, business owners, 1 member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Manager. They have established a quarterly merchant meet and greet that allows neighbors to meet and share information. Volunteers come in and serve the guests and provide entertainment. A social media page has been created to keep the community updated on information pertaining to the efforts and a volunteer group has been organized at Eaton-Johnson Middle School. This first group of volunteers has been awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award. Other events include the Duck Derby and the Car Show. Promotional ideas are being distributed to generate a buzz about events happening in the downtown area. This year a Downtown Trick or Treat and a Costume Contest were held with candy and promotional materials being provided by the Downtown Development Center. Free classes are being offered for self-defense to women. Efforts will continue to increase the availability of services in the downtown area. The hope is that businesses will begin to take advantage of the great buildings available in the area and bring more businesses back to Main Street. The downtown district includes 245 buildings that offer services to our community members. Upcoming events include The Cat and The Hat, Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run, Girls on the Run, and St. Baldrick's Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed from the February 20, 2014 monthly meeting. Maria moved to approve the minutes and Bernice seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June Blanks gave the financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

<i>Beginning Balance 2/20/2014</i>	<i>\$1505.00</i>
Deposits	+115.00
Disbursements	-147.50
Balance 3/20/2014	\$1472.50

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee –Michelle motioned to suspend Article 10 Section 5 of the bylaws. A second motion was given by June. A vote was taken and approved. Donna Stearns presented the slate of officers. She motioned to accept the slate of officers as presented and Kathy seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

BPW Website- Michelle shared information with the group about an opportunity to take advantage of an offer to have a Henderson BPW Webpage. She will get information and share with the group. Marsha Abbott volunteered to help with the website if the option was available.

Foundation Member – Michelle asked for a volunteer from the Henderson group to serve as a foundation member. She has served as the Vice Chair and stated that the group meets about three times a year and wants input from other members.

Foundation – Board Basket – Money is being raised for scholarships and each group is asked to donate something to assist with the efforts to raise money. The Henderson BPW has decided to make a basket of items to be raffled off with proceeds going toward the scholarship fund. Members are asked to bring items to the next meeting.

Scholarships – Members of the group presented scholarships at VGCC in February. June announced that she was happy to give out a scholarship to Ida Blalock's daughter, Denise Edwards. Ida Blalock was a past member of the Henderson BPW. Bernice will invite each recipient to a monthly meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

June shared a note from ACTS for the \$50 donation thanking us for the gift. Arline Richardson also sent a thank you card for the remembrance of her daughter with our donated gift.

ADJOURNMENT AND COLLECT

Meeting was adjourned by Marty Smith. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on April 17, 2014 at Maria Parham Medical Center. Please note the next meeting will be held in the J.T. Church Classroom which is located on the lower floor of the hospital next to the auditorium.



COLLECT

Keep us, O God, from pettiness;
let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding
and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and
meet each other face to face--without
self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment
and always generous.

Let us take time for all things;
make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our
better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the
little things that create differences,
that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and
to know the great common human heart
of us all, and O Lord God,
let us forget not to be kind.

Mary Stewart